

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION  
NEW DELHI**

**MINUTES OF THE 31<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED COMMITTEE ON  
BASIC SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2010 IN UGC  
OFFICE, NEW DELHI**

The 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee on Basic Scientific Research was held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 in UGC office, New Delhi. The following attended the meeting:

1. Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat  
Chairman  
UGC, New Delhi
2. Prof. M.M. Sharma  
3, Jaswant Baugh (Runwal Park)  
Behind Akbarallys  
V.N. Purav Marg, Chembur Naka  
Mumbai – 400 071
3. Prof. Kota Harinarayan  
Raja Ramana Fellow  
Structure Division  
National Aerospace Laboratories  
Bangalore-560 017
4. Prof.P.Rama Rao  
Flat No. 301,  
Naimisum, Plot No.22,  
Tri Nagar Colony,  
Hyderabad - 500 073
5. Prof.S.P.Thyagarajan  
#5, 1st Main Road,  
Nehru Nagar, Adyar,  
Chennai - 600 020
6. Dr. P. Prakash  
Joint Secretary  
UGC, New Delhi

7. Ms. Parbati Bose  
Under Secretary, UGC

Prof. Goverdhan Mehta could not attend the meeting due to his ill-health.

Prof. M.M. Sharma welcomed all the Members of the Committee and took up the agenda.

**Item No.1:- Confirmation of the minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25.01.2010 at NCASR, Bangalore**

The minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Empowered Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 were confirmed.

**Item No.2:- Action taken on the minutes**

The Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the UGC.

**Item No.3:- To consider one time grant to newly appointed faculty members and Professors who have created 15 Ph.Ds.**

All SAP Departments may be invited to submit updated details of faculty members who have singly successfully guided atleast 15 full time Ph.D(s) out of which at least five Ph.D(s) have been graduated during preceding five years. It is proposed to allocate one time grant which can be utilized for capital and revenue expenditure to intensify research in his/her area.

**Item No.4:- To consider Research Projects with Scientists who are retiring at the age of 60 years in the State Universities.**

In order to utilize the services of accomplished scientists who are on the verge of superannuation and who have produced atleast 15 full time Ph.D(s). It is proposed to institute "Distinguished Fellowship" for which proposals will be

invited from faculty members of the SAP Departments two years prior to their superannuation. A suitable honorarium and grant for capital and revenue expenditure will be attached to this Distinguished Fellowship for a period of three years.

**Item No.5:- Discussions with Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator, Prof. R.P. Gandhi and Prof. Sudesh Nangia**

The Committee had detailed discussions with Prof. S.R. Gadre, National Coordinator, Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Prof. R.P. Gandhi, National Coordinator, and Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Associate Coordinator of Operation Faculty Recharge. The Committee appreciated the work of Prof. S.R. Gadre and solicited him to send a road map detailing subject/region-wise distribution of Post-Doctoral Fellowship(s).

Prof. Gadre informed the Committee that the number of Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowships (PDFs) applications have increased manifold, so he requested for a position of Associate Coordinator alongwith some ministerial staff for his Cell. The Committee recommended that Prof. Gadre should send a letter to UGC detailing the need of appointment of Associate Coordinator and other secretarial staff members.

Prof. Gadre further requested the Committee that the honorarium to referees may be sent by the UGC. The Committee recommended the same.

Prof. R.P. Gandhi submitted a draft note for Rolling advertisement (to appear quarterly), UGC-Faculty Recharge Programme. The Committee requested Prof. Gandhi to send soft copy of the draft note to all the members of

the Committee. The Committee further recommended that Prof. Gandhi will interact with Prof. Thyagarajan who will be visiting UGC on 16.02.2010 and if required, will interact with Prof. Mehta in Bangalore as per convenience. TA/DA for his visit will be met out of the grant allocated to JNU for "Operation Faculty Recharge".

**Item No.6: Budget**

The Empowered Committed reiterated its earlier decision taken in its meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 and 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 to restore the original allocation of Rs.200.00 crores for BSR Scheme for the year 2009-2010 from the existing allocation of Rs.123.00 crore for the year 2009-2010. The Committee recommended that an amount of Rs.70.00 crores may be allocated so as to enable to release one time grant @ 10.00 lakhs each to all NAAC accredited colleges who have PG programmes in Science subjects with a **minimum assessment grade of B++ in old methodology and "B" (according to new methodology) for augmenting their existing infrastructure.**

It has been decided to hold the next meeting of the Empowered Committee on March 11, 2010 in the UGC office, New Delhi.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.